



Brownfields 2015 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet Huntington, WV

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the City of Huntington as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant Recipient. The city will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Ohio River Waterfront area. The area currently is characterized by four closed and contaminated manufacturing sites and is adjacent to the Marshall University campus and the downtown core. The grant will enable Huntington to produce a market assessment, infrastructure upgrade plan, land use design, and green infrastructure approaches, as well as develop leveraging strategies and attract community support for its existing River City Transformation Initiative. This revitalization plan envisions transforming the project area into a new hub of economic revitalization that will include a sports center, riverfront recreation and parks, associated mixed-use commercial and retail development, and a center for advanced manufacturing and research. Key partners who will work with the city on this project include Marshall University, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and the Huntington Neighborhood Institute.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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